



148TH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

**‘Exploring and Understanding
UNIVERSAL INTELLIGENCE’**

31.12.2023—4.1.2024

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TIMES IN GMT FOR ONLINE DAILY PROGRAM

In this document the times are mentioned with UTC / GMT. They have same times but some may be familiar with UTC and some with GMT.

UTC = Coordinated Universal Time

GMT = Greenwich Mean Time

Sunday, 31 December

UTC/GMT

- 3.00 AM OPENING OF THE CONVENTION
Prayers of the Religions, Universal Prayer, Greetings,
Invocation and opening by the International President,
Launch of book of Radha Burnier, Group Photo
- 4.00 AM KEYNOTE "ADYAR EXTENSION"
TS REPORT worldwide in 2022-23
Tim Boyd, *International President, TS Adyar*
- 9.00 AM BESANT LECTURE
"Virtue"
M. M. Sundresh
Judge, Supreme Court of India
- 11.00 AM NEW YEAR'S WORLD MUSIC CONCERT
Global Rhythms—Blueprint of a New World
Award winning Vocalists, Musicians, LEAP Boundary Breakers



Monday, 1 January 2024

UTC/GMT

- 3.00 AM SYMPOSIUM ON "EXPLORING AND UNDERSTANDING"
"Understanding an Explorer's Mind"
Richard Sell, *National President, TS in New Zealand*

"The Science and the Art of Living"
Isis de Resende, *TS in Brazil*

"Seeking and Knowing"
Gerard Brennan, *President of Indo-Pacific Federation*
- 4.15 AM SHORT LECTURES
"Understanding Universal Intelligence"
Dr Deepa Padhi, *International Vice-President*

"Intelligence: The Foundation of All Life"
Mr Stephen McDonald, *National President, TS in Australia*
- 5.30 AM INDIAN SECTION CONVENTION-I
"Inaugural Address"
Tim Boyd, *International President*

"State of The Indian Section Address"
Pradeep Gohil, *President, Indian Section*
- 11.30 AM THEOSOPHY-SCIENCE LECTURE
"Contemporary Science: Facts, Ideas, Questions"
Prof. Rajaram Nityananda
Professor of Physics, International Centre for Theoretical Sciences, TIFR
- 14.00 THEOSOPHY BY ART (Choir & Skit)
BEAT, *Bank Employees Art Troop, an awarded Choir*
Skit by B.T.F., *Bombay Theosophical Federation*

Tuesday, 2 January

UTC/GMT

- 4.45 AM PANEL ON "INTELLIGENCE AND HUMAN NEED"
 Krista Umbjarv, *TS in France, Chairperson*
 Marcos de Resende, *TS in Brazil*
 Trân-Thi-Kim-Diêu, *TS in France*
 Chally Romero, *TS in Philippines*
- 9:45 AM INTERVIEW
 Ven. Olande Ananda Thera
Venerable Buddhist Monk, Sri Lanka
 Interviewed by Patrizia Calvi, *TS in Italy*
- 11.30 AM PANEL
 THEOSOPHY AND ART: From Origin to Horizons"
 Elif Kamisli, *Exhibition Manager, Turkey*
 Anupama Gaur, *Consultant Conservator, India*
 Erica Georgiades, *Director of The School of the Wisdom, Greece*
- 14.00 EVENING PROGRAM
 A film



Wednesday, 3 January

UTC/GMT

- 3.00 AM THEOSOPHICAL ORDER OF SERVICE (TOS)
 Presentation by Nancy Secrest
TOS International Secretary, USA / Resident at Adyar
- DANCE GROUP
Sri Arunodayam Home for Mentally Challenged Destitute Children
- 4.15 AM DIALOGUE
 "THEOSOPHICAL WORK AND UNIVERSAL INTELLIGENCE"
 Tim Boyd, *International President*
 Trân-Thi-Kim-Diêu, *TS in France*
- 5.15 AM INDIAN SECTION CONVENTION II
 "ILLUMINATION FROM WITHIN"
 Opening and closing remarks, Deepa Padhi as Chairperson
 "Meaning of Illumination from Within", Vinay Patri
 "How to get the Illumination from Within", Harsha S.S. Sonthi
 "Advantages of having Illumination from within", Adi Keshav Shastri
 "Difficulties in Getting Illumination from within", Mitalini Choudhury
 "Consciousness as Source of Illumination", Harshvadan Sheth
- 11.30 AM PUBLIC LECTURE
 "Remembering the Future Garden"
 Joss Brooks
Veteran Australian Ecologist
Pitchandikulam Forest, Auroville
- 14.00 CULTURAL EVENING
 Artistic Sharing by the Delegates and Adyar Choir
 Vinay Patri, *Moderator, TS in India*

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Thursday, 4 January

- 3.00 AM QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
Tim Boyd, Deepa Padhi, Pradeep Gohil, Douglas Keene
- 4.15 AM SHORT LECTURES ON ADVAITA
"Universal Intelligence is to Know the Field and the Knower of the Field" — An Advaitic Perspective Based on *Śrīmad Bhagavadgītā* 13.2"
Dr Radha Raghunathan
Director of Adyar Library and Research Centre
- "Advaita, self-Knowing and Universal Intelligence"
Sri Sankara Bhagavadpada
A Hindu teacher of Jnana Yoga and Commentator on the life-time work of Sri J. Krishnamurti
- 9.30 AM PLENARY SESSION
Reports from the workshops
World Federation of Young Theosophists (WFYT)
Propagation Project, including SOW
- 11.30 AM PUBLIC LECTURE BY THE PRESIDENT
"The Land and Us"
Tim Boyd
International President, TS Adyar
- 12.30 CLOSING OF THE CONVENTION
Tim Boyd, *International President*
Vote of Thanks, Shikhar Agnihotri, *Convention Officer*

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31.12.2023, 9:00 AM UBC/GMT



BESANT LECTURE
"VIRTUE"
Justice M. M. Sundresh
Judge, Supreme Court of India

1.1.2024, 11:30 AM UBC/GMT



THEOSOPHY-SCIENCE LECTURE
"CONTEMPORARY SCIENCE:
FACTS, IDEAS, QUESTIONS"
Prof. Rajaram Nityananda
*Professor of Physics,
International Centre for Theoretical Science*

3.1.2024, 11:30 AM UBC/GMT



PUBLIC LECTURE
"REMEMBERING THE FUTURE
GARDEN"
Joss Brooks
*Veteran Australian Ecologist,
Pitchandikulam Forest, Auroville*

4.1.2024, 11:30 AM UBC/GMT



PUBLIC LECTURE BY THE PRESIDENT
"THE LAND AND US"
Tim Boyd
*International President,
Theosophical Society, Adyar*

CULTURAL PROGRAMS



Award winning vocalists
Sachin Shankor Mannath
Vidushi Vishruthi Girish
Anirudh
Ikshika Sarode

31.12.2023
11:00 AM UBC/GMT
ADYAR THEATRE

Accompanying musicians
Jai Ganesh (electronic keyboard)
Radhakrishnan (electronic percussion)
Parthasarathy (percussion)

& LEAP Boundary Breakers
Artistic Director—Srinivas Krishnan



2nd JANUARY 2024
at 14:00 UBC/GMT
Adyar Theatre

Crea-Shakthi presents

**“UNIVERSAL CONSCIOUSNESS:
LIFE, DEATH
&
EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN”**

As glaciers melt at an accelerated rate, a water molecule unfrozen after 4000 years goes on a journey around the world trying to revisit an old friend – a 4000 year old tree. Will it successfully reach the tree and find its friend alive?

Crea-Shakthi

No Drama. Just Theatre.



BIRTH

Water and Seed meet for the first time, 4000 years ago, the life of a tree taking birth at their union. They spend many weeks together, unlocking the ancient powers of nature and creating life in a desert.

They part as the water molecule evaporates and rises to the sky, hoping to meet again when the water comes back down, though the sapling might well be a full grown tree by then.

Humans are expanding territory.

Woolly Mammoth has just gone extinct.

The water molecule gets trapped in a glacier and freezes in position.

REBIRTH/ AGE IS JUST A NUMBER

4000 years have passed. The tree grows old and weak. Trees around it have long gone, but its strong roots still retain some water...and some hope. Humans have wreaked havoc on the environment.

The water molecule unfreezes and learns of what all has happened over the last 4000 years from its friends in the river and the sea.

LAST OF MY KIND

The land is unrecognizable. The map of the world has changed drastically from the time the water molecule has last travelled around it. The water molecule visits critically endangered animals and asks what it can do for them. They ask for only one thing – a flood to wipe humans away and provide a fresh start.

WATER, WATER, EVERYWHERE

Floods ravage countries all over the world, damage human property and provide lands with groundwater and search for the ancient tree.

The water molecules unite to find the ancient tree in its final stages of life.

KNOWLEDGE, WISDOM, LIFE & DEATH

The friends reunite and exchange their stories and wisdom.

Life goes out. Life goes on.

1st January 2024 at 14:00 UBC/GMT

BEAT CHOIR & SKIT BY B.T.F.

BEAT, Bank Employees Art Troop, an awarded choir

B.T.F., Bombay Theosophical Federation

2.00 PM BEAT CHOIR: 17 women, 10 men, 1 teacher with 3 musicians will entertain us by the following songs of various languages.

Rasika Priya (not a song),

Spanish (Voy a reir),

English (Que sera),

English (Let there be peace),

Tamil (Thirukural),

Hindi (Yeh waqt ki awaaz),

Bengali (Baulo Baulo).

Two songs for reserve – Hindi (kisi ki muskurahaton), Tamil (Bhoomi)

2.45 PM B.T.F. SKIT: After the Choir we will be entertained by skits presented by members from Bombay. They also have been awarded.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There is a shared misconception that we seem to treasure: that there is a Universal Intelligence, and there is us; there is a Heaven and an Earth; a God and all the rest. The sooner we release ourselves from this conviction of separation the sooner both we and the Earth can heal.

Jim Boyd